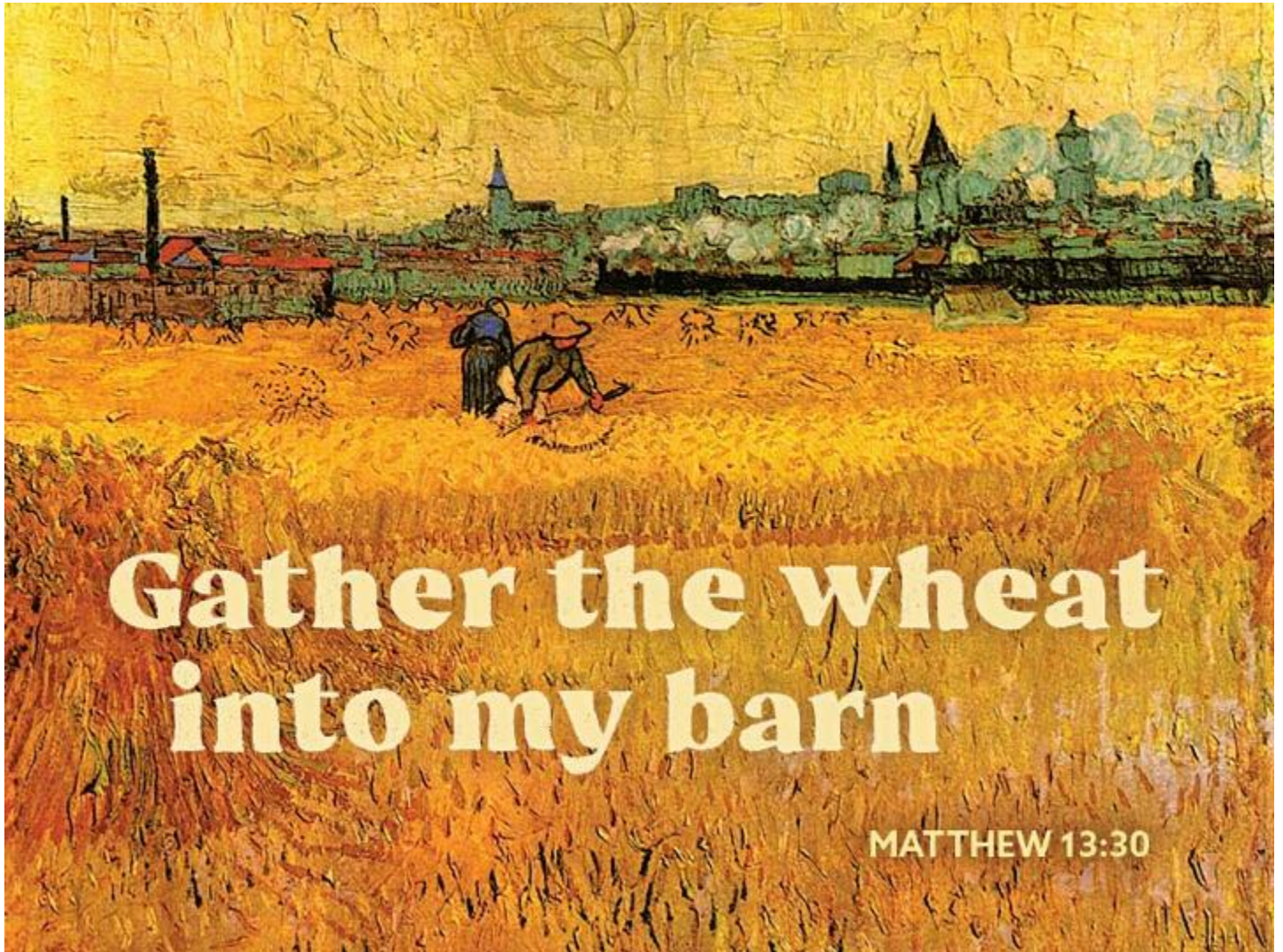


Faith Lutheran Church | Worship and Communion
July 19, 2026 at 9:30 AM | Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



**Gather the wheat
into my barn**

MATTHEW 13:30

Welcome. We are a family of faith and so glad you are here! Most of the liturgy is printed within or in the Blue WOV Hymnal, Setting 5; Congregational responses are shown in **bold** in the bulletin.

Prayer cards are available at the end of the row. You can fill one out and hand it to our usher during the Hymn of the Day (follows the Sermon).

Children's Bulletins are available in the narthex (entrance area), providing activities on today's scripture readings. Please enjoy.

God is present in **Holy Communion** and welcomes all who are hungry. You are welcome to the table. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing. Let an usher know if you would like communion at your seat.

Our **Candle Lighting station** is available during worship if you are moved to light a candle as a part of your prayer for someone or something, or in the thanksgiving or sorrows of your heart. You're welcome during communion as we sing and pray.

In Our Worship on 8th Sunday after Pentecost:

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

Serving Today Asst Minister: Erica Wilfrid **Altar Guild:** O'Reillys

Tech Support: Alex Kjorvestad

Musicians: Juliana Carmona, Heinz Denoyo, Olivia Knock, Xander Holcomb

Counters: Alissa Sykes & Davyann Schalnat **Coffee Hour:** O'Reillys **Pastor:** Shaun O'Reilly

-GATHERING-

PRELUDE

Devotion arr. Michelle Willis

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

please rise in body and/or Spirit

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess the sin and brokenness in us and around us.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins, what we have done and what we have left undone. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Siblings in Christ, Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. May God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ live in your hearts through faith, and you rest in God's love. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

God is Here

ELW #526

**1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.**

**2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.**

**3 Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**



**4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Q** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Q** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Q** Lord, have mer - cy.
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

-WORD-

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

There are no other gods besides God: the word of the LORD does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me.
 Who has announced from of old the things to come?
 Let them tell us what is yet to be.
 Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it?
 You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me?
 There is no other rock; I know not one.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALMODY: Psalm 86:11-17

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk | in your truth;
 give me an undivided heart to re- | vere your name.
I will thank you, O Lord my God, with | all my heart,
and glorify your name for- | evermore.

For great is your | love toward me;
 you have delivered me from the | pit of death.
The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people | seeks my life;
they have not set you be- | fore their eyes.

But you, O Lord, are gracious and full | of compassion,
 slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.
Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child | of your handmaid.

Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate
 me may see it and be | put to shame;
 because you, Lord, have helped me and com- | forted me.
Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk | in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to re- | vere your name.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are

children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been

groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.



Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

please stand as you are able

Paul D. Weber



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

*Leader: My word shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. (Isa. 55:11)*

(Back to Refrain)



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "



Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

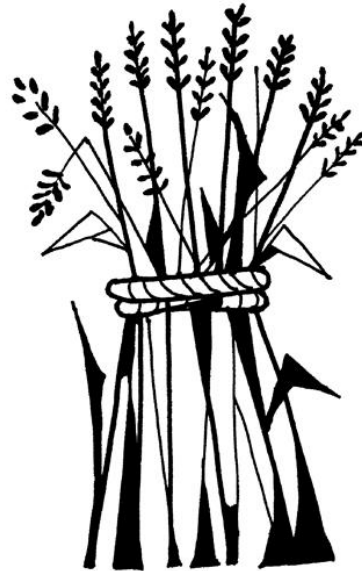
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Free From/For

Pastor Shaun O'Reilly

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.
- 4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home!



RESPONSE OF FAITH**Apostle's Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

- MEAL -

ANNOUNCEMENTS & ACTIVITIES

In all things, O God, you are our way, our truth, and our life.

Reveal through us your life-giving work.

OFFERING

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**PRESENTATION HYMN**

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
 sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
 Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

**Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
 so that all creation can taste your abundance.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus,
 through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

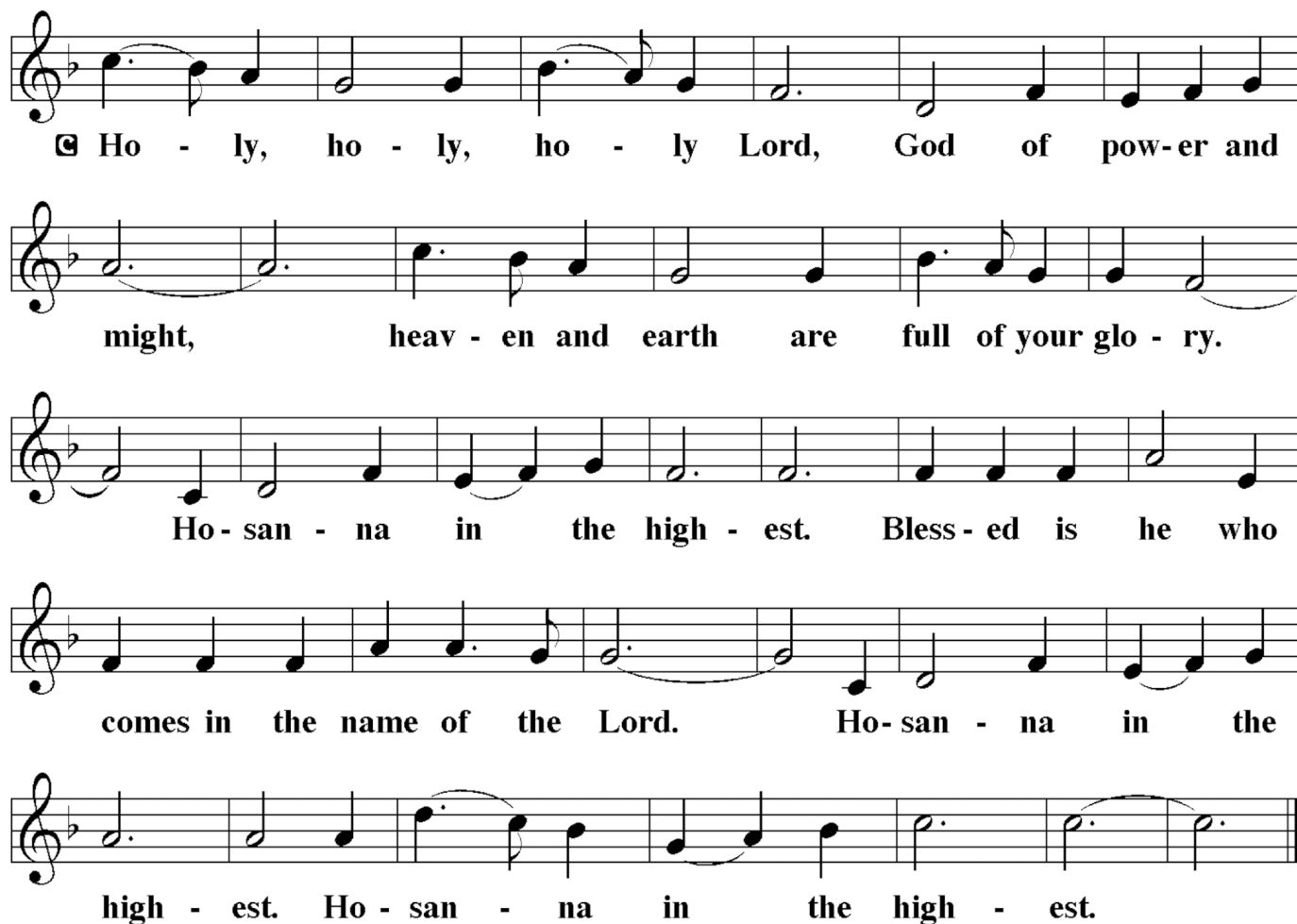
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



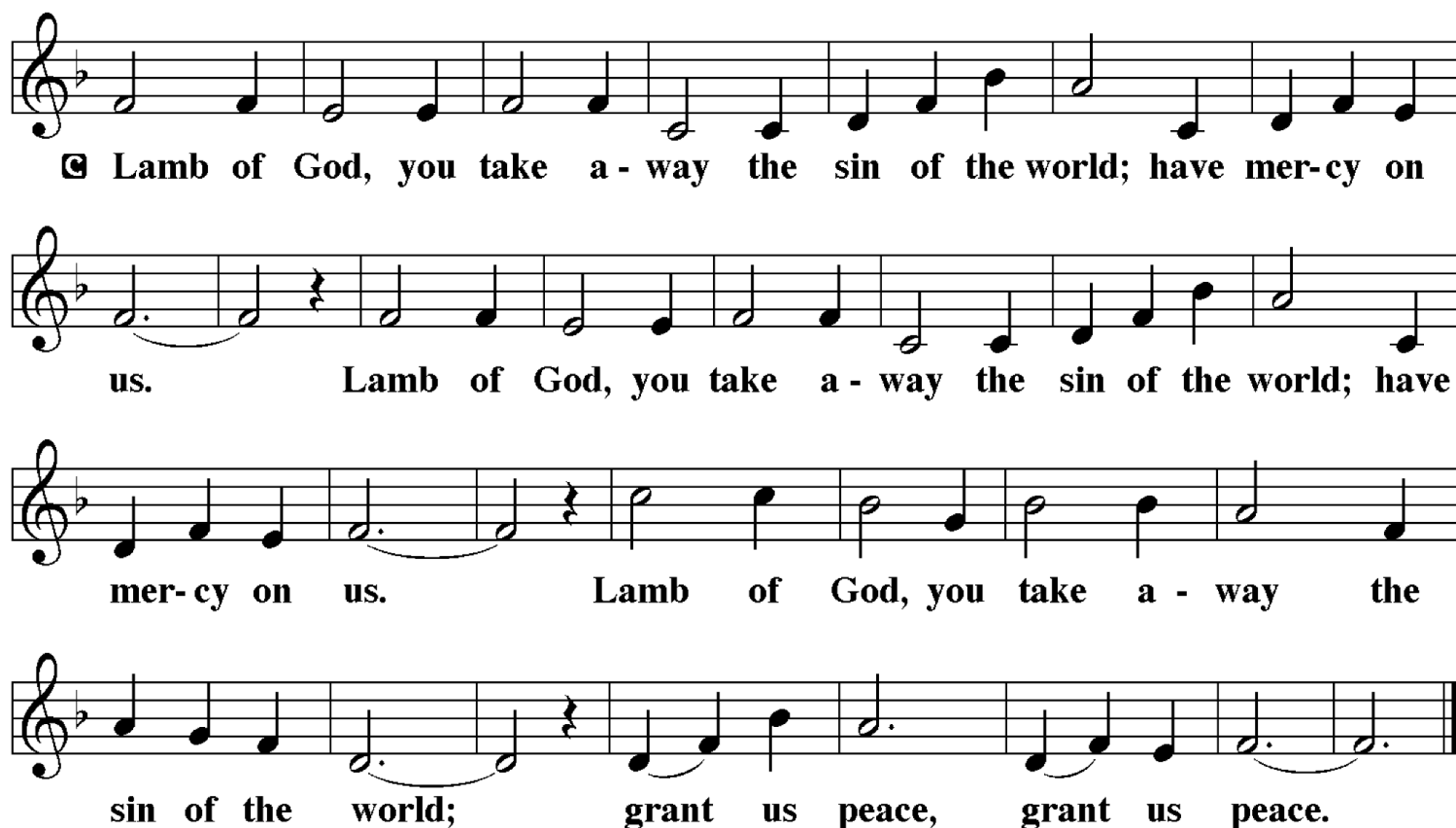
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

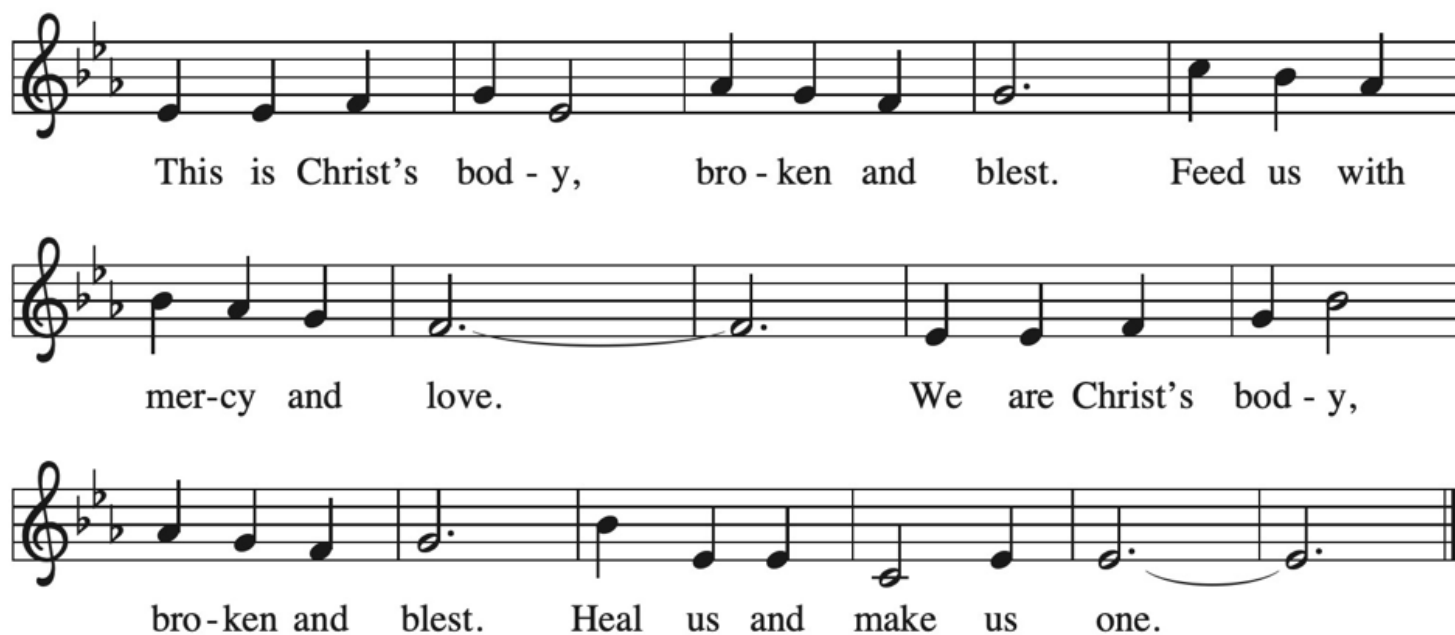
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION & HYMNS

AGNUS DEI


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

This Is Christ's Body



This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with
 mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,
 bro-ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

One Bread, One Body

ELW #496

**Refrain**

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

- 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*
- 2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*
- 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW #465

Refrain

*As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.*

- 1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*
- 2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- SENDING -

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES. BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW #679

- 1 For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*We are Grateful for the Flowers in our Worship Space:
Flowers today are provided by Bob and Sharon Scott in thankfulness
for God's blessings!*



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July Worship Schedule 2026				
Task	5th	12th	19th	26th
*Asst. Minister	Matthew R	Sam S	Erica W	Todd M
*Altar Guild	Annette Kathy	Sharon Diane	O'Reillys	Annette
Tech Support	Alex K	Eric W	Alex K	Eric W
Musicians	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K Erica	Juliana C Heinz D	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K	Juliana C Heinz D Olivia K
*Counters	Theresa Linda	Alissa Linda	Alissa Davyann	Davyann Theresa
Coffee after Worship	Eileen W	Bob and Sharon Scott	O'Reillys	OPEN

Activities at Faith

Join the **Adult Forum at 11am on Sunday July 19th and 26th**. We'll talk about the genre of the "Parable," why Jesus used these vivid poems, dreams, and stories to teach and impart wisdom, what kinds of parables are in the New Testament, and common tropes and images. Come join the conversation!

~Worship Service Same Day Sign Ups - Through the summer months. *Your participation is needed to keep our worship service running smoothly.* If you are here & are able to serve, sign up. Thank You, Your Worship Team.

~Coffee after Worship is in need of sign-ups for July 26th, and the month of August, please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. We also need 2 more sign-ups for **Flowers** for August. Thank you!

~Christmas in July: July 25th 3:00 - 5:00 pm | Beat the summer heat with a little holiday cheer! Bring the whole family for an afternoon of music, crafts, games, and treats — Christmas spirit meets summer fun!

~ Every Tuesday **Bible Readers** meet at 1:30pm here at Faith . We read and go over the lectionary for the following Sunday. *We offer zoom or in person.* This is a good way to dig deeper, share ideas and prepare yourself for Sundays.

~**Faith's Supper Club** - July 23rd at 4:30pm: July takes us to the Patio at the Cheesecake Factory in Reno on Meadowood Mall Circle. **Bring a jacket or sweater just in case the temperature dips.** Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Looking forward to seeing you there! Jean C.

~**Annual Church BBQ and our 70th Anniversary as Faith Lutheran:** We will be celebrating this on August 23rd following worship. A BBQ potluck, all are welcome, bring something to share and celebrate together this joyful milestone!

~**No Lunch Bunch** in July or August, see you in September!

Our Giving and Tithes:

Monthly church budget for 2026 is: **\$17,169.17**

Recent giving for the month of **June 2026** was **\$15, 361**

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